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FOR AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON FROM ALAN G. JAMES

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LOS - INTERSESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS

1. REGARDING SOVIET INABILITY TO MEET YOU APRIL 5-7 IN MOSCOW (SEE MOSCOW'S 3779 WHICH HAS BEEN REPEATED TO YOU), SOVIET DESK IN DEPARTMENT COMMENTS THAT IT SEEMS LIKELY SOVIET DESIRE TO DELAY BILATERAL IS RELATED TO INTERNAL PROBLEMS IN SORTING OUT SOVIET POSITIONS AND POSSIBLY TO SOVIET PREOCCUPATION WITH PREPARATIONS FOR SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT AND WISH TO EVALUATE LATER ITS IMPLICATIONS. IN ANY EVENT SOVIET DESK NOT REPEAT NOT INCLINED TO THINK DELAY SHOULD BE CONSTRUED AS SLAP AT YOU OR US GOVERNMENT.

2. IN LIGHT OF SOVIET WISH TO POSTPONE BILATERAL, WE SUGGEST, AND DARMAN AGREES, THAT YOU MIGHT WISH TO CONFIDENTIAL

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SIDER OFFERING SOVIETS A BILATERAL IN LONDON IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO GROUP OF FIVE MEETING. THIS COULD TAKE PLACE LATE SUNDAY AFTERNOON MAY 1 AND PART OF DAY MONDAY, MAY 2, IF NECESSARY.

3. REGARDING STOPOVER IN NEW DELHI, WE ARE STILL AWAITING REPORT FROM OUR EMBASSY. IN THIS CONNECTION WE ARE

REPEATING TO YOU A TELEGRAM DISPATCHED TODAY (MARCH 24)
TO EMBASSY NEW DELHI WHICH REQUESTS EMBASSY TO GET A

READING ON WHETHER TALKS IN NEW DELHI WOULD BE CONFINED
TO JAGOTA'S LEVEL OR WHETHER POLITICAL LEVEL MIGHT BE
INVOLVED.

4. WHETHER OR NOT YOU DO MAKE STOPOVER IN NEW DELHI,
WOULD YOU WISH TO CONSIDER RETURNING TO THE US THROUGH
SAUDI ARABIA FOR CONSULTATIONS IN JIDDA? IF YOU WISH TO
DO SO, WE WILL WORK OUT SUGGESTED SCHEDULE AND GET IN
TOUCH WITH OUR EMBASSY IN JIDDA TO SEE IF A VISIT WOULD
BE FEASIBLE.

5. IF YOU DO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA AT THE END OF YOUR
PRESENT TRIP, YOU COULD GO TO ALGIERS FOR TALKS ON
SATURDAY APRIL 30 AND FLY TO LONDON SUNDAY MAY 1.

6. PLEASE ADVISE AS SOON AS CONVENIENT.
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